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Al-Qadhdhafi Invites Reagan; Denies Being Terrorist

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[Text] Tripoli, Jan 12 (TANJUG) — "If President Reagan came to this tent he'd change his opinion. He'd see that I'm no terrorist, that I don't live in a trench and have no hand-grenades and revolvers tucked behind my belt. The American President thinks I'm a man without a family, a man who never laughs."

The Libyan leader, Col Mu'amm^{BF}ar al-Qadhdhafi said this in an interview with a group of American, British and Canadian reporters. He invited Reagan to Tripoli for talks in order that the two of them should no longer confront each other.

Al-Qadhdhafi said that Libya had no hostile intentions towards the United States. "The Americans are afraid that we shall attack the Pentagon, the White House, that we shall rush into America from Canada. We laugh when we hear such things. President Reagan believes everything they tell him. He also believed that some time ago Libyan suicide squads infiltrated the United States with the purpose of assassinating him," Al-Qadhdhafi said.

Having assured the newsmen that Libya and he personally had only peaceable intentions, and having invited Reagan, Al-Qadhdhafi said: "It was inside this tent that I met and conferred with such great men as Yugoslav President Tito and Cuban President Fidel Castro." There have been no official commentaries on the invitation here today, nor has it been announced by the domestic media.

Al-Qadhdhafi told a news conference three days ago that in principle he had nothing against a meeting with Reagan but thought that it would be of no use.

This shift in attitude towards a meeting with the U.S. President is seen here as Al-Qadhdhafi's desire to reduce the tension in the Libyan-American conflict.

Observers recall that Al-Qadhdhafi's warnings to the Americans have of late been always accompanied with offers of talks.

U.S. Residents in Jamahiriya Assured of Security**Foreign Liaison Bureau Statement**

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[Text] Tripoli, 12 Jan (JANA) — The People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison has issued a statement concerning U.S. subjects who are residing in the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. It says in part:

The People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, in reply to the allegations by the U.S. Administration concerning its nationals in the Jamahiriya, would like to clarify the following:

The Social People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya hosts nationals from well over 120 countries, including U.S. subjects. They live in security and peace among the Libyan Arab people and they enjoy complete popular and official protection and care.

Proceeding from the principle that permanent relations are with the people and not the governments, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya strives to strengthen and develop good relations with all nations, and this includes the American people. The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has always endeavored to maintain the best relations of friendship and cooperation with all these nations.

The People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison would like to stress that all foreign nationals in the Jamahiriya, including U.S. nationals, enjoy freedom of residence and movement in the Jamahiriya, and they can leave at any time should they so desire.

Speaker at People's Congress

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[Speech by unidentified speaker at Al-Mansurah Basic People's Congress in Tripoli — live]

[Excerpt] The Jamahiriya society will move forward to achieve Arab unity from the sea to the river, and from the Gulf to the ocean. The Jamahiriya society will move forward to destroy unjust bases wherever they may be found. We assure our dear guests that our friends, the American workers in the Jamahiriya society, will be embraced by us; we shall offer them complete care and they will be as safe as if, nay even better than if, they were in their own country. We assure them that foreigners, especially Americans, who are working in the Jamahiriya society will be safe; we will embrace them warmly and offer them safety, care, and concern. We will protect them even from hostile U.S. planes; we will offer them protection even from hostile U.S. planes, because we are a free, civilized people, who do not attack. We are not a terrorist people as imagined by the cowboy and shepherd of pigs, Reagan; the satan of this decade; Reagan the damned who wants to destroy the world, who wants to starve the Jamahiriya society and harm its historic leadership embodied in the leader, the teacher, and theoretician Colonel Mu'amm^{BF}ar al-Qadhdhafi.

Tripoli Commentary on Shultz Press Conference

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[Station commentary]

[Text] It seems that the description given by U.S. analysts to Reagan's press conference, "an information circus," and the fact that it gave data in terms of quantity rather than quality, not only applies to the President's press conference but also to those given by officials of the American black house. What U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz came up with yesterday at a press conference in Washington was meaningless and without content,

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